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The new PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS will be concerned with the technical and professional aspects of public health practice, with problems of health administration, and with research in these fields. It will include substantially the types of material that have been appearing in the three present journals and the monthly Tuberculosis Control Issue of PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS. There will be more emphasis, however, on administrative practice, program development, and applied research aspects and less emphasis on bench research and clinical material not rather directly related to public health practice.

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Every effort will be made to furnish the new PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS to representative organizations in public health and its related fields. Most of the readers on the mailing list are affiliated with organizations to which free distribution can legally be made. They will continue to receive the new journal either directly or through these organizations.

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